

Gurney Goes on Trial On a Perjury Charge

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 12 (AP)—Former Senator Edward J. Gurney went on trial today for the second time within a year after a Federal judge rejected an effort to dismiss a charge that Mr. Gurney had lied about a fund-raising scheme.

Federal District Judge George C. Young said that the Federal Government had "acted improperly" in not informing the court that one of its star witnesses lied at Mr. Gurney's first trial last year. But the judge said that since the former Senator had not been convicted, the remaining perjury count could not be dismissed.

The 62-year-old Republican, whose career was ended after a seven-count indictment against him in 1974, was acquitted of five criminal charges in the 5½-month trial.

The jury deadlocked on conspiracy and perjury counts, and the conspiracy charge was later dismissed.

The Government alleges that Mr. Gurney lied to a Federal grand jury in Jacksonville when he testified about an alleged scheme to pressure Florida housing contractors for \$450,000 in political funds in exchange for preferred treatment by the Federal Housing Administration.